



BIOGRAPHY of JUDGE SEAN J. McLAUGHLIN

The Honorable SEAN J. McLAUGHLIN was born on January 4, 1955 in Erie, Pennsylvania. He was sworn in as a District Judge for the Western District of Pennsylvania on October 13, 1994.

He received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Georgetown University in 1977 and a Juris Doctor degree from Georgetown University Law Center in 1980. Upon graduation from law school, Judge McLaughlin clerked for the Honorable William W. Knox of the United States District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania from 1980-1981. In 1981 he entered private practice with the firm of Knox McLaughlin Gornall & Sennett, P.C., where he specialized in civil litigation.

Judge McLaughlin presently serves as Chair of the Court Governance Committee, whose function is to develop rules governing the internal administration of the Court. He also serves on the Court's Long-Range Planning Committee and previously served as Chair of the Magistrate Judge's Committee. As the District Court's representative, Judge McLaughlin had extensive involvement in the planning and oversight of a \$27 million renovation and expansion of the Erie Federal Courthouse, which was completed in August 2004. He is the only District Judge assigned on a full-time basis to the Erie Division.

Judge McLaughlin has spoken frequently at seminars sponsored by the Erie County Bar Association, the Allegheny Bar Association, the Pennsylvania Bar Institute, and the Pennsylvania Bar Association on a wide variety of topics concerning federal criminal and civil practice.

He is active in the Northwest Pennsylvania Chapter of the American Inns of Court where he serves as a Master of a Pupilage Group and is a former member of the Executive Committee of the Erie County Bar Association. He is a member of the Pennsylvania Bar Association and the Erie County Bar Association. He and his wife have one daughter and they reside in Erie, Pennsylvania.